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Re: Rule 1.53(b) Continuation Application
Application of Norbert **TRAGE**, Ralf **BERTRAM**, Steffen **SONNENBERG**, Jurgen **MEYKNECHT**
Entitled "CARE AGENTS"
Our Ref.: 3968.086

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application of allowed prior parent Application No. **09/947,256** filed on September 5, 2001, entitled "CARE AGENTS".

This application is being filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b). We enclose the specification, claims, abstract and the copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Examiner John Hardee in Group Art Unit **1751**.

A Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently herewith. No new matter is being introduced by the Preliminary Amendment.

Total claims	19	-	20	= ___	x $18	= $
Independent Claims	3	-	3	= 0	x $80	= $
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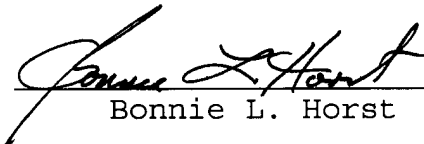PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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